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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ERICSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KS

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF F-4 AIRCRAFT BY ROK

REF: SEOUL 2767

1. STATE IS NOT HOLDING UP APPROVAL FOR ROK PURCHASE OF  
ADDITIONAL F-4 AIRCRAFT. EARLY IN MARCH MCDONNELL/DOUGLAS  
REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON INFORMALLY NOTIFIED US THAT  
THE ROK WAS CONSIDERING PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL F-4 AIRCRAFT.  
IN LAST DAYS OF MARCH DOD TRANSMITTED OFFICIAL LOA REQUEST  
TO STATE FOR STAFFING.

2. WE ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH ROK DESIRE TO ORDER F-4'S FOR  
FORESEEABLE ATTRITION PRIOR TO END OF CURRENT PRODUCTION

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AND WE ARE PROCESSING CASE EXPEDITIOUSLY. AS YOU ARE AWARE,  
PROGRAM VALUED AT \$164 MILLION REQUIRES 20 DAY ADVANCE  
CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION; AND 30 DAY FORMAL NOTIFICATION  
AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 36(B) OF AECA. IN ADDITION THE  
PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED THAT HE PERSONALLY REVIEW ALL CASES  
REQUIRING CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION. HE HAS APPROVED A  
FEW CASES FOR RELEASE TO CONGRESS AND HAS INSTRUCTED US TO

HOLD THE OTHERS TO AWAIT RESULTS OF PRM-12 CONCERNING US  
POLICY OF ARMS TRANSFER. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE APPROVAL OF  
ANY ADDITIONAL CASES BY THE WHITE HOUSE UNTIL THIS REVIEW

HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND POLICY DECISIONS MADE. HOWEVER, WE  
INTEND TO SEND THIS CASE TO THE PRESIDENT SHORTLY WITH  
RECOMMENDATION THAT HE AUTHORIZE US TO INITIATE THE  
CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION PROCESS. IF APPROVED, WE WOULD  
ENDEAVOR TO EXPEDITE NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.

3. DOD PROPOSED INTERIM SOLUTION IN THE FORM OF A LETTER  
OF INTENT (LOI) WHICH WOULD BE VALID UNTIL AUGUST 1, 1977  
IS NOT FEASIBLE IN VIEW OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL  
AND CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW DESCRIBED ABOVE. LOI PROPOSAL  
CONTEMPLATES USAF CONTRACT WITH MCDONNELL/DOUGLAS UNDER  
WHICH ROK WOULD INCUR POTENTIAL LIABILITY SHOULD FMS  
CONTRACT NOT BE APPROVED BY PRESIDENT OR BY CONGRESS. THIS  
WOULD DIMINISH DISCRETION OF BOTH IN THEIR REVIEW OF CASE.

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